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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Romano GUERMANDI) Group Art Unit: 1722
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Application No.: 09/961,436) Examiner: James P. Mackey
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Filed: September 25, 2001)
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For: MOLD FOR VULCANIZING A)
TIRE HAVING A SPECIFIED)
BELT PROFILE IN THE)
ABSENCE OF LOAD AND)
INFLATING PRESSURE)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action dated June 25, 2003, the period for response having been extended to October 25, 2003, by a request for extension of one (1) month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks:

Amendments to the specification are included in this paper.

Amendments to the claims are included in this paper.

Amendments to the drawings are included in the attached replacement drawing sheet. The amendments are discussed in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment sections of this paper.

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Attachments to this amendment include (1) a replacement sheet of Figs. 4 and 7; (2) a copy of the PTO 1449 Form filed with the Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") filed with the application on September 25, 2001; and (3) a copy of the PTO-stamped postcard indicating the PTO's receipt of the PTO 1449 Form filed with the IDS filed on September 25, 2001.

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